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GOI Releases the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act 2009

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India (GOI) issued an official Gazette Notification on March 20, 2009 regarding 'The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009'.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes the final Gazette Notification released by the Ministry of Law and Justice on March 20, 2009, on the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Final

Details on the final Gazette notification No. 27, dated March 20, 2009:

- **Publication Date:** March 20, 2009
- **Date of Implementation:** March 20, 2009 (for specific details please see the notification text)
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not notified to the WTO (as of April 21, 2009).
- **Products/Livestock Affected:** Cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat, yak, dog, cat, pig, horse, camel, mule, poultry, bees, etc.

Agency in Charge: The notification has been released by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India as this is a legislative act. The Ministry of Law and Justice will handle the prosecution part for the violators of this act. However, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture will ensure appropriate initiation of action and enforcement of orders under this act.

Major Changes:

The full text version of the notification can be accessed at: <http://www.dahd.nic.in/>

The act has been compiled by the Ministry of Law and Justice for the prevention, control and eradication of infectious and contagious diseases affecting animals, prevention of outbreaks or the spreading of such diseases from one state to the other, and to meet international obligations for facilitating the import and export of animals and animal products, and other related issues. The act is divided into seven chapters and the key focus areas of the act are listed below:

- Appointment of veterinary officers
- Reporting of scheduled diseases (listed in the notification)
- Segregation of infected animals
- Notification on controlled and disease free areas
- Prohibition on the movement of animals from controlled areas
- Vaccination, marking (branding) and authorization of vaccination certificates
- Contents of vaccination certificate
- Norms stipulating entry and exit of animals in controlled and free areas
- Precautionary measures to be followed in controlled areas
- Prohibition on opening markets, fairs, and exhibitions in controlled areas
- Prohibition on the entry of infected animals in markets and other places
- Check posts and quarantine camps
- Entry and exit of vaccinated animals into controlled and free areas.
- Declaration of infected areas
- Segregation, examination and treatment of infected animals
- Euthanasia for infected animals
- Powers of veterinary officers and veterinarians to hold post-mortem examination
- Seizure and removal of certain animals
- Enforcement of orders and recovery of expenses
- Prevention of escape of causative organism, etc.

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